

**Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit
Durham, North Carolina
Project Development
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GoTriangle proposes to implement a 17.8-mile Light Rail Transit (LRT) line in the corridor that extends from the University of North Carolina Hospital in the Town of Chapel Hill to North Carolina Central University in the City of Durham. The proposed project will include 18 stations, approximately 4,400 parking spaces, a maintenance facility and the purchase of 18 LRT vehicles. The project's current estimated cost is \$2,476.30 million (Year of Expenditure). GoTriangle expects to seek \$1,238.15 million (Year of Expenditure) from the New Starts program.

Both ends of the corridor have central business districts, large medical facilities, and universities that serve as major employment centers for the region. Major trip generators in the corridor include: University of North Carolina; North Carolina Central University; Duke University; Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Durham Amtrak Station; Durham Performing Arts Center; Durham Station; and downtown Durham. Bus service in the corridor today is slow due to traffic congestion. GoTriangle believes that the project will provide an alternative to congested roadways.

The project entered New Starts Project Development in February 2014. GoTriangle selected the locally preferred alternative (LPA) in December 2016, with subsequent adoption of the LPA into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in December 2016. GoTriangle completed the environmental review process with receipt of a Record of Decision in December 2016. In April 2017, GoTriangle submitted a request to enter Engineering, which is currently under review. GoTriangle expects to receive a Full Funding Grant Agreement in January 2020, and start revenue service in 2028.